GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:998
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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL QUOTA OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request from Kerala for allocation of additional quota of foodgrains and sugar in view of the festival of Onam particularly, in the regions struck by natural calamities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Request has been received from the State Government of Kerala for allocation of additional quantity of 71000 MTs of rice, 35500 MTs of wheat and 7100 MTs of sugar for the Onam festival.

The Government has made a one time special allocation of 21000 tons of rice at APL rates to the State of Kerala for the Onam festival during the month of August, 2007.Also, an allocation of 8000 tons of levy sugar, as festival quota, has been released for the State of Kerala.